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BEGIN SUMMARY. AT 25-26 JUNE MEETING OF NAMSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE NETHERLAND ASKED WHETHER US MIGHT UTILIZE NAMSA SUPPORT OF NIKE UNITS IN EUROPE IN VIEW OF PHASE OUT OF NIKE UNITS IN CONUS. IN LINE WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGERS VIEWS OF ENHANCED COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS AS PART OF RATIONALIZATION OF DEFENSE EFFORTS IN NATO, MISSIONS RECOMMENDS THAT WASHINGTON SERIOUSLY CONSIDER NAMSA SUPPORT OF US NIKE IN EUROPE AND OF OTHER US EUROPEAN BASED WEAPONS FOR WHICH A NAMS A PROGRAM OF SUPPORT EXISTS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE FOLLOWING WERE ITEMS OF INTEREST TO US AT 25-26 JUNE MEETING OF THE NAMSO BOARD:

ITEM IX. TOW WEAPON SYSTEM PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

THE BOARD APPROVED TOW WEAPON SYSTEM PARTNERSHIP WITH DENMARK, GERMANY, GREECE, ITALY AND LUXEMBOURG AS PARTICIPANTS.

ITEM X. LANCE WEAPON SYSTEM PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

THE BOARD APPROVED LANCE WEAPON SYSTEM PARTNERSHIP WITH BELGIUM, GERMANY, ITALY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM AS UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTICIPANTS.

ITEM XVI. REPORT ON NIKE SUPPORT

THE AGENCY, WHILE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR RENEWAL OF BLANKET OPEN END FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CASES IN SUPPORT OF

NIKE/HONEST JOHN MISSILE SYSTEMS (REFTEL) INDICATED THAT NO RESPONSE HAD YET BEEN RECEIVED TO NAMSA GENERAL MANAGERS 30 APRIL LETTER RE NIKE BUY OUT TO COMMANDING GENERAL, US ARMY MISSILE COMMAND (MICOM). FYI. MICOM 31 MAY RESPONSE TONAMSA LETTER WAS RECEIVED AFTER MEETING ON 26 JUNE IN US GOVERNMENT FRANKED ENVELOPE VIA INTERNATIONAL MAIL. END FYI.

2. THE NETHERLAND RAISED ISSUE OF WHETHER , IN VIEW OF THE PHASE OUT OF NIKE UNITS IN CONUS, THE UNITED STATES MIGHT BE PREPARED TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF NAMSA SUPPORT OF US NIKE UNITS IN EUROPE. THIS PROPOSAL APPEARS TO BE IN LINE WITH MEMORANDUM OF 2 FEB 1974 FROM THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (INSTALLATIONS AND LOGISTICS) TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARIES(I AND L) OF THE MILITARY SERVICES, SUBJECT: UTILIZATION OF THE NATO MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY AGENCY (NAMSA) BY US FORCES IN EUROPE. THE LATTER MEMORANDUM MADE REFERENCE TO CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN ECONOMICAL USE OF NAMSA BY US FORCES IN EUROPE AND CITED THE SATISFACTORY AND ECONOMIC MAINTENANCE OF AUXILIARY FUEL TANKS UNDER COMMERCIAL CONTRACT LET BY NAMSA ON BEHALF OF THE US AIR FORCE. USAFE ALSO HAS AUTHORIZED NAMSA TO CONTRACT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF BASE ADMINISTRATIVE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS OF FOREIGN MANUFACTURE AND FOR DEPOT-LEVEL AND EMERGENCY MAINTENANCE FOR ONE OF THE 412L RADAR SYSTEM SITES.

3. MISSION BELIEVES THAT NAMSA CAN MINIMIZED LOGISTIC SUPPORT COST TO NATO ARMED FORCES BY SUBMITTING CUSTOMER COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND CAN HELP US TO CONVERT SUPPORT SPACES TO COMBAT SPACES. IN VIEW OF THE INCREASED EMPHASIS PLACED BY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ON RATIONALIZATION OF DEFENSE EFFORTS, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE MILITARY SERVICES BE ASKED TO INVESTIGATE INCREASED UTILIZATION OF NAMSA SUPPORT OF US FORCES IN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE WEAPONS OF US ORIGIN FOR WHICH THERE IS A NAMSA PROGRAM OF SUPPORT. NAMSA SUPPORT OF US NIKE UNITS IN EUROPE WOULD BE A PRIME CANDIDATE IN THIS REGARD. RUMSFELD

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